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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

THE FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE OPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY WITH A COLORFUL PARADE CONSISTING OF A LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY UNITS IN ADDITION TO MANY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. AN INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE PARADE WAS A DISPLAY OF BATTLE SCARRED EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH WAS RIDDLED BY SHELLFIRE, WHICH WAS USED IN THE CONQUEST OF TARAWA AND OTHER PACIFIC OBJECTIVES. THE ENTIRE DISPLAY WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE, AND WILL NO DOUBT DO MUCH IN URGING EVERYONE TO PURCHASE BONDS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

MESSRS. WHITAKER AND LANHAM ARRIVED FROM BAKERSFIELD LAST NIGHT, AFTER CONFERRING WITH MR. SMITH OVER THE WEEKEND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW WESTERN AREA HEADQUARTERS. WE ARE VERY GLAD TO HAVE RODNEY WITH US AND I AM CONFIDENT THE PERSONNEL OF THIS OFFICE WILL PROFIT A GREAT DEAL AS THE RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON VARIOUS OPERATIONAL SUBJECTS.

MR. YOUNG, SALES MANAGER OF AUTOMOTIVE FIBERS, INC., LOS ANGELES, MANUFACTURERS OF COTTON INSULATION, WAS A VISITOR ON SATURDAY. HE DISCLOSED SOME INTERESTING FACTS REGARDING A PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN NOW UNDER WAY WHEREBY A CONCERTED EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO CHANNEL MORE COTTON INSULATION INTO COMMERCIAL OUTLETS.

WE ARE INFORMED THAT MRS. EDNA ARNETT, WHO IS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR WESTERN AREA STAFF, IS ENROUTE FROM MEMPHIS TO SAN FRANCISCO. EVIDENTLY SHE ENCOUNTERED SOME TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES, BUT WE ARE EXPECTING HER TO ARRIVE ANY DAY NOW.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE WEEK HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A DUST STORM WHICH STARTED THURSDAY ABOUT NOON AND SUBSIDED DURING THE NIGHT; NO FORM OF DAMAGE RESULTED. AN INCREASE IN TEMPERATURES HAS BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE COTTON CROP AND REPORTS INDICATE THE CROP TO BE COMING ALONG NICELY IN ALL SECTIONS EXCEPTING THE EXTREME NORTH END OF THE VALLEY, WHERE PROGRESS IS SOMEWHAT SLOW. ROUTINE OFFICE ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF REARRANGING AND SETTING UP OFFICE FILES FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR. MR. W. B. LANHAM, MANAGER OF THE WESTERN AREA, ARRIVED AT THIS OFFICE THURSDAY AFTERNOON TO LOOK OVER AVAILABLE OFFICE SPACE TO BE USED IF PRESENT PROPOSED PLANS FOR TRANSFERRING THE AREA OFFICE HERE ARE CARRIED OUT. FROM THE PRESENT OUTLOOK, HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM THAT SOLVING THE PROBLEM FOR OFFICE SPACE WILL BE MUCH EASIER THAN SOLVING THE HOUSING PROBLEM WHICH WILL FACE THE AREA PERSONNEL. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO THE EXPECTED VISIT OF MR. RODNEY WHITAKER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH. THE MARKET CONTINUES VERY DULL WITH PRACTICALLY NO DEMAND FOR ANY QUALITIES. VERY FEW INQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED.....DIXON.

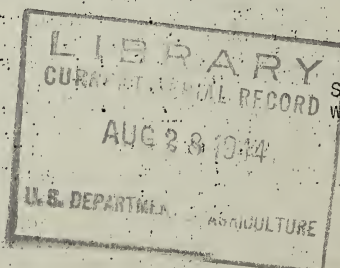
EL PASO - SINCE THE HIGH WINDS OF LAST MONDAY AND TUESDAY WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT COTTON GROWING WEATHER AND COTTON IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. CHOPPING IS WELL UNDER WAY BUT SOME GROWERS ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT CHOPPING TOO EARLY AS SOME STANDS ARE RATHER THIN. OFFICE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO S.D. WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON AND REGULAR ROUTINE. THE SXP GROWERS WHO SOLD THEIR COTTON IN TRADE CHANNELS ARE BEING DELAYED IN GETTING THEIR PAPERS OFF TO THE CCC FOR THEIR REFUND OF OR EXTRA PAYMENT OF 183 POINTS. THIS DELAY HAS BEEN OCCASIONED BY THE DELAY IN THE RECEIPT OF FORMS BY THE COUNTY COMMITTEE. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT FORMS ARE NOW ON THE WAY. MR. RODNEY WHITAKER OF WASHINGTON WAS WITH US ALL DAY FRIDAY, LEAVING FRIDAY NIGHT FOR PHOENIX ENROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO. MR. WHITAKER STATED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY STOP WITH US AGAIN ON HIS RETURN TRIP, PROBABLY ABOUT JUNE 16TH. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE MR. WHITAKER WITH US, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE VISITORS FROM THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. MR. KENNEDY, FORMERLY CHIEF OF THE DALLAS DIVISION, SPENT THE WEEKEND OF LAST WEEK IN EL PASO AND SPENT ALL OF LAST MONDAY WITH US AT THE OFFICE. MR. KENNEDY WAS ON HIS WAY TO BAKERSFIELD TO ASSUME HIS NEW POSITION WITH THE CALIFORNIA COTTON COOPERATIVES. THERE IS VERY LITTLE TO REPORT ON MARKET NEWS OR THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON. IT IS VERY QUIET AND VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY OF ANY KIND IN THIS MARKET. MR. KENNEDY ADVISED US THAT HE HAD ORDERED, PRIOR TO LEAVING THE DIVISION, A FULL SUPPLY OF THE RUBBER RECORDING STAMPS INAUGURATED BY MR. BUTTERWORTH. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ORDERED ENOUGH FOR ALL OF THE OFFICES IN THE DALLAS DIVISION. THE WRITER, LIKE MOST ALL COTTON CLASSERS, IS ADVERSE TO JUMPING INTO NEW PROCEDURES IN THE SAMPLE ROOM BUT HE WISHES TO GO ON RECORD 100% IN FAVOR OF THIS NEW SYSTEM OF RECORDING ON THE FORM 1 TAG. IT MAKES A MUCH NEATER APPEARING TAG, IT IS VERY LEGIBLE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO ALTER OR CHANGE, AND IT IS JUST AS FAST OR FASTER THAN THE OLD WAY OF RECORDING WITH PEN AND INK.....NISBETT.

PHOENIX - HOT, DRY WEATHER PREVAILED THE PAST WEEK WITH THE TEMPERATURE REACHING 100° AND HIGHER NEARLY EVERY DAY. THE COTTON PLANT IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. IN SOME FIELDS IT IS JUST OUT OF THE GROUND, WHILE IN OTHERS IT IS ALMOST KNEE HIGH. WE WERE INFORMED BY ONE GINNER THAT SOME OF HIS CUSTOMERS WOULD START PICKING IN SIXTY DAYS, BUT WE ARE STILL OF THE OPINION THAT IT WILL BE AROUND THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER BEFORE ANY COTTON WILL BE GINNED. MOST OF THE TIME THIS WEEK HAS BEEN SPENT IN STAMPING UP POSTAGE DUE CARDS, CHECKING SACKS, FORM 1 CARDS, ETC. AND OTHERWISE GETTING THINGS READY FOR THE COMING SEASON'S WORK. MR. ERB AND THE WRITER VISITED SEVERAL GINS IN MARICOPA COUNTY THIS WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING A LINE UP ON THE NUMBER OF FORM 1 CARDS EACH INDIVIDUAL GINNER WOULD NEED. MR. RODNEY WHITAKER OF WASHINGTON, D.C., IS A VISITOR IN OUR OFFICE TODAY. IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE, AND WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING WITH HIM THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF OUR WORK AND OUR VARIOUS PROBLEMS. WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH WASHINGTON PERSONNEL, AND TRUST THAT WE MAY HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MORE FREQUENT VISITS. THE COTTON MARKET IN ARIZONA REMAINS EXTREMELY DULL, ACTIVITIES BEING CONFINED MOSTLY TO THE SALE OF A FEW EQUITIES.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN WARMER FOR PAST WEEK, WITH CLOUDS OR FOG IN THE MORNING. TEMPERATURES HAVE RUN FROM 58 TO 86 DEGREES. PRODUCTION HAS RUN ONLY ABOUT 8,800 NET POUNDS THIS WEEK. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY SHUT DOWN DUE TO THE CHANGES BEING MADE IN THE FLAME-PROOFING EQUIPMENT. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT HAVE TOTALED 6,759 NET POUNDS, BRINGING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON THE 1944 ALLOTMENT TO 124,778 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JUNE 9, 1944.

	WEEK		SEASON					
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	28		327,108	3229			958	331,295
EL PASO	NONE		175,227	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	NONE		122,946	192	292		5525	128,955
TOTAL	28		625,281	4181	292		10548	640,402



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